

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2245 - SB 2329**

March 30, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Deletes the Commissioner of Health's authority to appoint the Director of the Division of Health-Related Boards. The Director is granted the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for all issues that affect more than one of the agencies attached to the Division and to employ all consultants, investigators, and inspectors without the consent of the regulatory board concerned with the employment. Redefines screening panels as a settlement conference used to resolve complaints against a person licensed or required to be licensed and shall have a deliberative privilege and the same immunity provided the boards. Deletes references to screening panels in the sections of Tenn. Code Ann. regulating the practice of chiropractors, physicians, nurses, and polysomnography technologists.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, the expansion of duties for the Director of the Division of Health-Related Boards will not result in a significant increase in expenditures.
- The changes to the use of screening panels will not result in a significant increase in expenditures and any cost can be accommodated within existing resources.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Division had a positive balance of \$1,000,000.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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